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Chief Lisa Otterbacher
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RE: 2017 Annual Inspection, Whitewater Municipal Lockup

Dear Chief Otterbacher:

As you know, the Department of Corrections has the responsibility by statute to set reasonable standards and regulations for the design, construction, repair, and maintenance of municipal lockup facilities as defined in State Statute 302.30. The standards are set forth in the Department of Corrections Administrative Code, Chapter DOC 349. Annual inspections are also required of each facility to assess the safety, sanitation, adequacy, and fitness of each lockup pursuant to State Statute 301.37(3). The 2017 annual inspection of the Whitewater Municipal Lockup was conducted on June 13, 2017. This report summarizes the results of the annual inspection.

INSPECTION SUMMARY

Physical Environment 349.07

The five cells and adjacent booking area were inspected and found to be in good condition. All doors and locks were found to be in working order, as were the toilets and sinks. Inspections of cell and fire escape locks and doors are being recorded pursuant to 349.12(3)(5) every month. Inspections continue to be conducted on the fire alarm, booking room security, supplies, and sanitation on a weekly basis which is an excellent practice.

Sanitation and Hygiene 349.08

The inmate hygiene supplies located at the facility were found to meet code standards. All areas of the detention and booking area were found to be clean and well organized.

Health Care 349.09

The Whitewater Municipal Lockup uses an admission screening form (DOC 349.17), which is to be completed on each individual being detained in a cell. A review of the completed admission

forms found that a health screening is being completed on each individual being placed into a cell. Current Whitewater procedure stipulates that medications will be placed with the arrestee's property and that no medications brought into the facility by an individual will be administered unless authorized by the shift commander.

Fire Safety 349.10

The facility was found to be in compliance of DOC 349.10(4) Fire Safety. The most recent fire inspections by the Whitewater Fire Department were completed on 3/3/17 and 10/21/16, respectively. An evacuation route is posted and fire protection equipment in place should the need arise.

Records and Reporting 349.11

A review of the admission screening and booking reports revealed that appropriate information is being obtained on all individuals being booked into the Whitewater Municipal Lockup. Since the last annual inspection in 2016, there have been no notifications to this office of any unusual occurrences. As an annual reminder, please have your staff contact my office at (414) 227-3997 within 48 hours to report any of the following incidents in the detention area:

- An inmate dies.
- An inmate attempts suicide and is admitted to a hospital.
- An inmate or staff have been injured and are hospitalized due to the injury.
- An inmate escapes or attempts to escape from confinement.
- There is any significant damage to the lockup affecting the safety or security of the lockup.

Security 349.12

As noted earlier, the facility was found in compliance of DOC 349.12(3)(5) Security Reporting, as records are being obtained for all inspections. Cell checks are also being completed and documented as required. A review of completed booking sheets found that security checks are generally being completed and documented [REDACTED] minutes which is an excellent practice.

Detention of Juveniles 349.21

Your department has elected to not hold juveniles in your lockup per your correspondence to this office. The policy and procedure requirements for the detention of juveniles are outlined in DOC 349.21.

Approval

The Whitewater Municipal Lockup is approved for the detention of adults for up to 72 hours. It is not approved for the detention of juveniles. This approval is with the understanding that continued compliance with the Department of Corrections Administrative Code, Chapter DOC 349, and applicable state statutes is maintained.

I would like to thank Lieutenant Adam Vander Steeg for his assistance during the inspection and for providing the necessary information for the review of your lockup's operations. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions, or if I may be of assistance to you and your Department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg A. Bucholtz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gregory A. Bucholtz, Inspector
Office of Detention Facilities

Cc: Cameron Clapper, City Manager
Kristi Dietz, ODF Director
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